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SUBJECT : HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BDF OFFICERS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, LIEUTENANTS KHALIFA AND KAMAL HAVE
FOLLOWING AVIATION AND LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS:

A. LT HAMAD BIN EBRAHIM AL-KHALIFA

DLI ENGLISH COURSE - LACKLAND AFB USA - ECL SCORE 96

OTS - LACKLAND AFB USA - 12 WEEKS

UPT - LAUGHLIN AFB USA

AIRCRAFT FLOWN - T41, T37, T38 - 215 HOURS

OCU - SAUDI ARABIA (DHAHRAN)

AIRCRAFT FLOWN - F5B - 110 HOURS

CIVIL AVIATION - BAHRAIN

AIRCRAFT FLOWN - CHEROKEE 140 - 75 HOURS

TOTAL FIXED WING FLYING HOURS - 400 HOURS

B. LT NABEEL EBRAHIM KAMAL

ENGLISH COURSE-BAHRAIN SCHOOL SYSTEM AND KING FAISAL

AIR ACADEMEY - 9 YEAR ACADEMIC COURSE

KING FAISAL AIR ACADEMY SAUDI ARABIA - 1973/74

MILITARY OFFICERS TRAINING

BACHELOR OF AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE DEGREE

FLYING SAFETY CERTIFICATE

AIRCRAFT FLOWN - CESSNA 172 - 75 HOURS; BAC 167

STRIKEMASTER (WITH GUNNERY COURSE) - 225 HOURS

KUWAIT AIR FORCE TRAINING CENTER - 1974

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AIRCRAFT FLOWN (HELICOPTER) - AUGUSTA BELL 205 AND 206 -

190 HOURS; BELL PUMA - 55 HOURS

NOTE: ALL TRAINING WAS TAKEN UNDER BRITISH INSTRUCTORS

TOTAL FIXED WING FLYING HOURS - 255 HOURS

TOTAL ROTARY WING FLYING HOURS - 245 HOURS

2. IN VIEW OF FACT BOTH OFFICERS ARE QUALIFIED FIXED WING PILOTS, BDF IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN BASIC HELICOPTER TRAINING, HELICOPTER INSTRUCTOR COURSE, AND HELICOPTER GUNNERY COURSE. THEY HAVE ADVISED US THAT PILOTS MAY NEED MINOR REFRESHER (ONE WEEK) IN FIXED WING PRIOR TO FORMAL HELO COURSE WORK BECAUSE THE PILOTS HAVE HAD LITTLE FLIGHT TIME SINCE COMPLETING THEIR FOREIGN TRAINING AND RETURNING TO BAHRAIN. BDF IS HOPEFUL THAT THIS CAN BE WORKED IN WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE FULL BASIC FIXED WING COURSE.

3. WHILE LT KAMAL HAS NOT TAKEN ECL EXAM, EMBOFF IN CONTACT WITH HIM HAS NOTED HIS EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH. IF ECL IS REQUIRED, HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS MAY POSSIBLY BE MADE WITH USMTM DHAHRAN FOR ECL TESTING. PLEASE ADVISE IF ECL IS REQUIRED.

4. IF INFORMATION IN PARA ONE ABOVE IS SUFFICIENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF COURSE AVAILABILITY DATES, COURSE CURRICULA, AND SUPPORT INFORMATION (I.E. UNIFORMS, PERSONAL CASH AND CLOTHES, ETC., NEEDED). BOTH OFFICERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING THEIR WIVES ACCOMPANY THEM TO FT. RUCKER. THUS INFORMATION ON HOUSING WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

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